

Appl. No. 09/845,048  
Amdt. Dated July 8, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of April 8, 2004

Attorney Docket No. 81716.0076  
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:

Claims 1 and 2 are canceled without prejudice. Claim 7 is amended. Claims 25-28 are added. No new matter is added. Claims 3-28 are pending in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

The present invention relates to a structure for connecting a non-radiative dielectric waveguide and a metal waveguide, which is incorporated in, for example, a millimeter wave integrated circuit and used for the transmission of high frequency signals, and capable of transmitting and receiving high-frequency signals in form of radiowaves. The invention also relates to a millimeter wave transmitting/receiving module and a millimeter wave transmitter/receiver. (Applicant's specification, at p. 1, lines 10-17).

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102:

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Sato (JP 2000-22407). This rejection is moot due to the cancellation of claim 1.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103:

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sato (JP 2000-22407). This rejection is moot due to the cancellation of claim 2.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER:

Claims 3-6 and 9-24 are allowed.

The Office objected to claims 7 and 8 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but states that the claims "would be allowable if rewritten in independent

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form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." In response, Applicant rewrote claim 7 in the manner suggested by the Office. With respect to claim 8, the Applicant respectfully submits that since claim 8 depends from a claim that is believed to be patentable, claim 8 is believed to be patentable in its current form. Withdrawal of this objection and allowance of claims 7 and 8 is thus respectfully requested.

Each of new claims 25-28 depend from either claim 5 or claim 6, both of which have been allowed. As such, claims 25-28 are allowable for the same reasons as claims 5 and 6. Allowance of new claims 25-28 is respectfully requested.

The art made of record but not relied upon by the Examiner has been considered. However, it is submitted that this art neither describes nor suggests the presently claimed invention.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6810 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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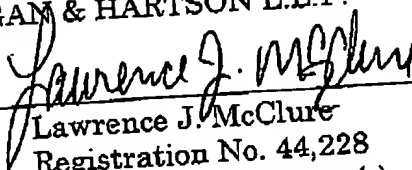
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